

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Proposed Middle School Zone Change in District 31 Beginning in the 2017-2018 School Year**

The New York City Department of Education (DOE), Community Superintendent and the District 31 Community Education Council (CEC) have identified a need to remove the middle school zone of The Staten Island School of Civic Leadership (“SISCL”) which would also result in a zone change to the current zone for I.S. 72 Rocco Laurie (“I.S. 72”).

#### ***Why is the DOE proposing to make these zone changes?***

- SISCL typically has few open seats for new students at 6<sup>th</sup> grade causing any new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students that are zoned to the school to be overflowed to a neighboring middle school, I.S. 72.
  - This proposal will reduce the need to cap and overflow students at the middle school level from SISCL.
- Provide middle school families with clarity around available options.
- Mirror the admissions priority at SISCL with the other existing K-8 school in the district, P.S./I.S. 48.

#### ***When would this zoning change be implemented?***

- The proposed zone changes would take effect for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### ***What can District 31 families expect as a result of this proposed re-zoning?***

- Any new sixth grader to the system or six grade student who did not attend SISCL for grades K-5 and is currently zoned to SISCL for middle school, would be rezoned to I.S. 72.
- The map on the back shows the proposed zone line changes.
- All students who are currently zoned to I.S. 72 will remain zoned to I.S. 72.
- There is no proposed change to SISCL’s elementary school zone.

#### ***Who does this rezoning proposal impact?***

- Any new sixth grader to the system or six grade student who did not attend SISCL for grades K-5 and is currently zoned to SISCL for middle school.
- All students currently enrolled at I.S. 72 will have the ability to remain at I.S. 72.
- Fifth grade students at SISCL would continue to retain priority to the middle school at SISCL.
  - Given the high percentage of students who remain at SISCL for middle school, the DOE anticipates that the enrollment increase at I.S. 72, as a result of this rezoning will be minimal.

#### ***How will this rezoning change student enrollment and space at I.S. 72 and SISCL?***

- As noted above, the projected enrollment at I.S. 72 and SISCL is not expected to change due to this rezoning; however they may increase due to natural growth. This rezoning proposal will eliminate the current practice of overflowing middle school students from SISCL to I.S. 72.

#### ***How will this re-zoning decision be made?***

- The DOE proposed zoning changes to the District 31 CEC at a public meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- The CEC collects community feedback.
- The CEC is responsible for approving zoning changes. CEC 31 anticipates voting on this proposal at their October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Where can I get more information?**

- The presentation materials that were shared during the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting can be found on the DOE Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/planning/changes/statenisland/districtplanning.htm>

**Whom can I contact with questions or comments about the proposal?**

- Community Superintendent, Anthony Lodico: 718-420-5667 or [ALodico@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ALodico@schools.nyc.gov)
- CEC 31: [CEC31@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CEC31@schools.nyc.gov)
- Office of District Planning: [StatenIslandZoning@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:StatenIslandZoning@schools.nyc.gov)

**Where can I go for more information on zoning and admissions?**

- The Office of Student Enrollment website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/default.htm>

**Proposed Zones (2017-2018):**

The blue area represents the current zone for The Staten Island School of Civic Leadership, and the yellow area represents the current zone for I.S. 72. The black outline represents the proposed zone boundaries. All zone lines run down the center of the street unless otherwise specified. If this proposal is approved, starting in 2017-2018, a family's zone is determined by the shape outlined in black:

